TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE

FISCAL NOTE



HB 2658 - SB 2641

February 26, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Authorizes local governments to display replicas of historic documents such as the Magna Carta, Declaration of Independence, U.S. Constitution, and Ten Commandments in county or municipal public buildings and on county or municipal public grounds. The documents may be displayed in the form of statues, monuments, memorials, tablets, or any other display that respects the dignity of the documents.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- This bill is permissive to local governments.
- It is estimated that if a local government opts to display any of these historic documents, any costs associated with the display can be absorbed within the local government's existing resources.
- Any cost to local government is estimated to be not significant.
- According to the Attorney General's office, any cost associated with litigation occurring
 due to this legislation can be absorbed within existing resources without an increased
 appropriation or reduced reversion.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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